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AMENDMENT

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The following amendment and remarks below are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 9, 11, 12, 17, 19, 20, 25, and 30 as follows:

- A1 Sub B1 >
1. (Amended) A method for controlling a cache, comprising:
providing an instruction to the cache indicating that a line storing valid data in the
cache is a candidate for replacement by reducing an importance level of the line.